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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during October was estimated at 1,546,100, an increase of 6,800 employees from the September revised level and 21,500 above the comparable period a year ago.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 317,300, was 1,100 higher than the September figure. Mining employment rose due to an increase in the exploration of oil and gas. An upturn in heavy construction activity contributed to the higher construction payrolls in October. Manufacturing employment was higher due to expansions in the transportation equipment and food and kindred products segments.

Service producing employment was estimated at 1,228,800 for October, an increase of 5,700 from the September estimate. A decrease in trucking and warehousing payrolls contributed to the downturn in transportation, communications, and public utilities employment. Less business for eating and drinking places was instrumental in lowering the employment level for trade. Employment losses in insurance and holding and other investment offices were significant in the downturn of finance, insurance, and real estate. Increases in business, health and educational services accounted for much of the gain in the total services industry. Government employment was higher as a result of increases in state and local government.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 130,000 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $514.80 in September to $509.87 in October, a decrease of $4.93, but an increase of $32.04 from October of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.13 higher in October than last month, and $0.82 higher than October a year ago. Weekly hours averaged 43.1 during the month, a decrease of 0.9 hours from the September revised figure of 44.0 hours.

The October preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana is 6.0 percent, down from the September revised rate of 7.0 percent. The average unemployment rate for the last three months (August, September, October) is 6.5 percent compared to 6.9 percent for the same period last year.

The comparable national unemployment rate for October is 5.4 percent. The national rate for September was 5.5 percent.

Total unemployment decreased to 113,600. We experienced a slight decline in claims for unemployment insurance.

The state's civilian labor force decreased to 1,894,000 with an increase in total employment to 1,780,400.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1990*	Sept. 1990**	Oct. 1989**	Net Change from Sept. 1990	Net Change from Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1546.1	1539.3	1524.6	+ 6.8	+ 21.5
GOODS PRODUCING	317.3	316.2	312.1	+ 1.1	+ 5.2
MINING	55.5	55.0	54.9	+ 0.5	+ 0.6
Oil and Gas Extraction	53.8	53.2	53.1	+ 0.6	+ 0.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.7	1.8	1.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	84.7	84.2	83.0	+ 0.5	+ 1.7
General Contractors	15.9	16.1	15.7	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Heavy Construction Ex. Bldg.	34.4	33.8	33.6	+ 0.6	+ 0.8
Special Trade Contractors	34.4	34.3	33.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
MANUFACTURING	177.1	177.0	174.2	+ 0.1	+ 2.9
Durable Goods	78.3	78.2	75.5	+ 0.1	+ 2.8
Lumber and Wood Products	11.9	11.9	12.0	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.3	5.3	5.3	0	0
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.0	2.9	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	13.4	13.4	12.4	0	+ 1.0
Machinery, Except Electrical	10.6	10.6	10.4	0	+ 0.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.2	7.2	7.3	0	- 0.1
Transportation Equipment	24.1	24.0	22.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.9
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.8	2.8	3.0	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	98.8	98.8	98.7	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	20.7	20.5	21.4	+ 0.2	- 0.7
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.7	9.7	10.2	0	- 0.5
Paper & Allied Products	12.2	12.3	12.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	9.8	9.8	9.7	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	29.0	29.0	28.2	0	+ 0.8
Inorganic Chemicals	5.8	5.8	5.6	0	+ 0.2
Organic Chemicals	10.9	10.9	10.4	0	+ 0.5
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.7	11.8	11.5	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Petroleum Refining	10.8	10.9	10.6	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	5.7	5.7	5.6	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	1228.8	1223.1	1212.5	+ 5.7	+16.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	105.9	106.2	105.9	- 0.3	0
Railroad Transportation	4.8	4.8	4.9	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	62.3	62.5	61.7	- 0.2	+ 0.6
Water Transportation	25.9	25.9	25.5	0	+ 0.4
Communication & Public Utilities	38.8	38.9	39.3	- 0.1	- 0.5
Comm. Ex. US Postal Service	16.9	16.9	17.0	0	- 0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	21.9	22.0	22.3	- 0.1	- 0.4

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1990*	Sept. 1990**	Oct. 1989**	Net Change from Sept. 1990	Net Change from Oct. 1989
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	366.8	367.1	365.8	- 0.3	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade	84.6	84.5	84.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	47.3	47.3	47.2	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	37.3	37.2	37.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	282.2	282.6	281.4	- 0.4	+ 0.8
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	10.3	10.3	10.0	0	+ 0.3
General Merchandise	44.9	44.6	44.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Food Stores	56.9	56.8	56.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.8	29.8	29.8	0	0
Apparel and Accessory	15.3	15.4	15.2	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Furniture and Equipment	8.6	8.6	8.7	0	- 0.1
Eating and Drinking Places	86.3	87.0	86.3	- 0.7	0
Other Retail Trade	30.1	30.1	30.0	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	78.5	78.6	77.9	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Banking	30.0	29.9	29.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Insurance	26.1	26.2	25.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
SERVICES	355.2	353.9	348.9	+ 1.3	+ 6.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.5	22.3	22.5	+ 0.2	0
Personal Services	14.0	14.1	13.8	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Business Services	56.8	56.2	55.9	+ 0.6	+ 0.9
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	10.4	10.5	10.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.8	6.9	6.8	- 0.1	0
Amusement & Recreation Services	11.1	11.1	10.4	0	+ 0.7
Health Services	113.2	112.9	108.8	+ 0.3	+ 4.4
Hospitals	50.9	50.7	48.3	+ 0.2	+ 2.6
Legal Services	15.3	15.2	15.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Educational Services	23.2	22.9	25.6	+ 0.3	- 2.4
Social Services	20.7	20.7	20.0	0	+ 0.7
Membership Organizations	26.4	26.5	25.9	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	26.8	26.6	25.8	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Miscellaneous Services	3.8	3.9	3.8	- 0.1	0
GOVERNMENT	322.4	317.3	314.0	+ 5.1	+ 8.4
Federal	37.0	37.2	37.3	- 0.2	- 0.3
State and Local	285.4	280.1	276.7	+ 5.3	+ 8.7
State	100.1	97.6	95.6	+ 2.5	+ 4.5
Local	185.3	182.5	181.1	+ 2.8	+ 4.2

* Preliminary **Revised
(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. '90*	Sept. '90**	Oct. '89**	Oct. '90*	Sept. '90**	Oct. '89**	Oct. '90*	Sept. '90**	Oct. '89**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$509.87	514.80	477.83	43.1	44.0	43.4	11.83	11.70	11.01
Durable Goods	463.97	467.63	425.86	43.0	43.5	42.8	10.79	10.75	9.95
Lumber & Wood Products	391.62	406.23	392.94	42.8	44.3	44.2	9.15	9.17	8.89
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	414.50	391.04	384.22	41.7	39.3	41.9	9.94	9.95	9.17
Fabricated Metal Products	425.95	438.75	426.17	43.2	45.0	43.8	9.86	9.75	9.73
Machinery, ex. Electrical	448.55	464.14	398.24	44.9	46.6	43.1	9.99	9.96	9.24
Electric & Electronic Equip.	719.66	745.17	578.76	46.4	48.2	44.9	15.51	15.46	12.89
Transportation Equipment	472.06	464.87	429.93	41.3	40.6	41.3	11.43	11.45	10.41
Nondurable Goods	552.08	555.44	522.72	43.3	44.4	44.0	12.75	12.51	11.88
Food & Kindred Products	324.32	350.00	344.71	42.9	44.7	45.9	7.56	7.83	7.51
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	210.60	217.20	204.61	35.1	36.2	36.8	6.00	6.00	5.56
Paper & Allied Products	673.16	630.20	599.94	45.7	44.6	43.6	14.73	14.13	13.76
Printing & Publishing	429.62	423.62	391.78	38.6	38.9	38.0	11.13	10.89	10.31
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	762.64	734.83	745.44	45.1	45.5	46.1	16.91	16.15	16.17
Petroleum & Coal Products	849.28	903.20	771.46	48.2	51.7	47.3	17.62	17.47	16.31
Petroleum Refining	865.67	922.26	784.71	48.2	51.9	47.3	17.96	17.77	16.59
MINING	588.89	626.74	546.38	46.7	48.1	46.5	12.61	13.03	11.75
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	533.39	550.40	524.10	41.9	42.7	41.3	12.73	12.89	12.69
BANKING	267.84	265.72	281.53	36.0	36.4	38.2	7.44	7.30	7.37

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 130,000 full-and part-time workers in manufacturing and 92,900 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. '90*	Sept. '90**	Oct. '89**	Oct. '90*	Sept. '90**	Oct. '89**	Oct. '90*	Sept. '90**	Oct. '89**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$609.98	$606.42	$584.77	43.2	44.2	44.1	$14.12	$13.72	$13.26
Chemicals and Petro Products	779.25	777.02	773.87	44.1	45.6	45.9	17.67	17.04	16.86

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 14,800 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

All MANUFACTURING	$462.44	$469.28	$450.84	41.4	41.9	41.9	$11.17	$11.20	$10.76
Durable Goods	398.97	401.15	386.65	40.3	39.6	40.7	9.90	10.13	9.50
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	333.44	335.95	357.67	35.7	33.9	38.5	9.34	9.91	9.29
Fabricated Metal Products	382.93	412.41	381.39	39.6	41.7	41.5	9.67	9.89	9.19
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	374.94	365.16	368.34	40.1	38.6	40.7	9.35	9.46	9.05
Nondurable Goods	534.60	545.57	522.29	42.7	44.5	43.2	12.52	12.26	12.09
Food & Kindred Products	351.20	405.20	360.69	40.0	43.9	40.3	8.78	9.23	8.95
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	234.99	229.68	208.82	37.3	36.4	36.7	6.30	6.31	5.69
Printing & Publishing	401.17	377.28	379.89	39.1	39.3	40.5	10.26	9.60	9.38
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	818.24	779.62	800.25	47.6	47.8	48.5	17.19	16.31	16.50

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 31,300 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

All MANUFACTURING	$556.28	$541.00	$447.20	45.3	45.5	41.6	$12.28	$11.89	$10.75
Lumber and Wood Products	405.57	430.20	453.94	49.4	52.4	44.9	8.21	8.21	10.11
Food and Kindred Products	392.46	405.53	363.08	46.5	47.1	41.4	8.44	8.61	8.77
Printing and Publishing	388.50	389.47	360.38	37.5	38.6	37.0	10.36	10.09	9.74
Chemicals & Allied Products	580.65	602.98	610.37	43.3	44.5	46.7	13.41	13.55	13.07

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,500 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY OCTOBER, 1990 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED SEPTEMBER, 1990 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED OCTOBER, 1989 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1894.0	1780.4	113.6	6.0	1900.7	1767.1	133.6	7.0	1919.8	1792.3	127.5	6.6
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	57.5	54.0	3.5	6.1	57.6	53.4	4.2	7.3	60.4	56.6	3.8	6.4
Baton Rouge 2/	270.0	255.9	14.1	5.2	269.7	253.1	16.6	6.2	274.4	259.1	15.3	5.6
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	70.3	66.7	3.6	5.1	68.7	64.4	4.3	6.3	69.9	65.9	4.0	5.8
Lafayette 4/	103.4	98.7	4.7	4.5	102.1	96.4	5.7	5.6	101.2	95.7	5.5	5.4
Lake Charles 5/	75.8	70.9	4.9	6.5	75.6	69.9	5.7	7.5	76.9	71.7	5.2	6.8
Monroe 6/	67.8	63.8	4.0	5.9	67.3	62.5	4.8	7.1	69.1	64.7	4.4	6.4
New Orleans 7/	589.5	555.3	34.2	5.8	598.3	558.2	40.1	6.7	602.6	565.9	36.7	6.1
Shreveport 8/	155.7	145.9	9.8	6.3	155.1	144.0	11.1	7.2	160.3	145.7	14.6	9.1

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

All Urban Consumers	Index	% Change from Prior Month	% Change from Prior Year
October 1989	125.6		
October 1990	133.5	+ 0.6	+ 6.3

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

AREA	PRELIMINARY OCTOBER 90 LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE	REVISED SEPTEMBER 90 LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	21,150	19,850	1,300	6.1	21,275	19,600	1,675	7.8
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,600	8,750	850	8.8	9,725	8,750	975	10.1
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,175	5,700	475	7.7	6,150	5,575	575	9.3
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,175	14,950	1,225	7.6	16,300	14,850	1,450	8.9
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,325	12,450	875	6.5	13,325	12,375	950	7.1
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,450	6,075	375	6.0	6,575	6,075	500	7.5
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,275	3,950	325	7.6	4,250	3,925	325	7.8
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,775	4,350	425	9.1	4,575	4,375	200	4.3
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,400	3,125	275	8.2	3,450	3,125	325	9.8
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,375	7,000	375	5.2	7,400	6,925	475	6.4
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	8,875	8,175	700	7.9	9,025	8,125	900	10.1
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	11,275	10,575	700	6.2	11,375	10,525	850	7.6
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	3,175	2,950	225	7.2	3,175	2,925	250	8.0
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,175	6,825	350	4.9	7,225	6,725	500	6.9
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,600	12,775	825	6.2	13,625	12,575	1,050	7.8
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,350	7,800	550	6.8	8,525	7,825	700	8.2
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,100	6,675	425	6.0	7,050	6,525	525	7.5
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	26,000	24,425	1,575	6.0	25,750	24,050	1,700	6.6
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,075	10,250	825	7.5	11,225	10,175	1,050	9.4
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,375	6,050	325	5.1	6,400	6,000	400	6.3
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,050	10,275	775	7.0	11,225	10,275	950	8.5
JENA (LASALLE)	5,775	5,475	300	5.2	5,925	5,500	425	7.2
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,150	17,550	600	3.3	18,200	17,350	850	4.6
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,200	4,825	375	7.5	5,275	4,800	475	9.0
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,750	11,575	1,175	9.3	12,800	11,400	1,400	10.9
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	15,450	14,525	925	6.1	15,725	14,600	1,125	7.1
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,800	8,200	600	6.7	8,675	8,100	575	6.6
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,175	6,475	700	9.8	7,175	6,300	875	12.1
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,050	3,775	275	6.8	4,050	3,750	300	7.5
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	7,900	7,275	625	8.0	8,175	7,275	900	11.1
MANY (SABINE)	9,900	9,425	475	4.7	9,875	9,350	525	5.3
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,725	2,500	225	8.1	2,725	2,450	275	10.1
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,850	8,200	650	7.5	8,800	7,975	825	9.3
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,475	28,025	2,450	8.1	30,750	27,825	2,925	9.5
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	23,950	22,400	1,550	6.5	24,100	22,325	1,775	7.4
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	37,550	34,425	3,125	8.3	37,900	34,250	3,650	9.6
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	2,575	2,400	175	6.5	2,525	2,375	150	6.3
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,300	7,775	525	6.3	8,350	7,675	675	8.0
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,475	17,150	1,325	7.1	18,075	16,925	1,150	6.4
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,650	17,550	1,100	5.9	18,850	17,500	1,350	7.1
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	17,775	16,300	1,475	8.4	17,925	16,200	1,725	9.7
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	18,250	16,825	1,425	7.8	18,275	16,550	1,725	9.4
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,300	3,875	425	9.9	4,250	3,800	450	10.5
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,300	4,100	200	4.9	4,275	4,050	225	5.5
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,925	5,600	325	5.4	6,000	5,575	425	6.9

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1990*	Sept. 1990**	Oct. 1989**	Net Change From Sept. 1990	Net Change From Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.5	45.6	46.4	- 0.1	- 0.9
GOODS PRODUCING	6.0	6.1	6.6	- 0.1	- 0.6
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.2	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.6	2.6	3.0	0	- 0.4
MANUFACTURING	3.3	3.4	3.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
Durable Goods	1.9	2.0	2.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	39.5	39.5	39.8	0	- 0.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.3	2.4	2.3	- 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.0	10.2	10.6	- 0.2	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade	1.8	1.9	1.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	8.2	8.3	8.7	- 0.1	- 0.5
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	12.0	11.9	11.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Health Services	5.4	5.4	5.1	0	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	12.9	12.7	12.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Federal	2.8	2.8	3.0	0	- 0.2
State and Local	10.1	9.9	9.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
State	4.6	4.6	4.5	0	+ 0.1
Local	5.5	5.3	5.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 45,500 for the current month. This estimate was 100 less than last month, and 900 less than October, 1989.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 6,000 for October. This estimate was 100 less than September as a result of a decrease in durable goods. Compared to October of last year, this figure declined by 600 with the largest decline centered in the construction industry.

Service producing employment for the current month was estimated at 39,500. This estimate was unchanged from last month, but decreased by 300 from October, 1989. The decrease in employment from last year was centered in the trade and finance, insurance, and real estate industries.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1990*	Sept. 1990**	Oct. 1989**	Net Change From Sept. 1990	Net Change From Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	232.5	232.4	230.9	+ 0.1	+ 1.6
GOODS PRODUCING	49.6	49.4	48.6	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
MINING	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	26.7	26.5	26.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	22.1	22.1	21.5	0	+ 0.6
Durable Goods	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	17.0	17.0	16.6	0	+ 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	1.8	1.9	+ 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.0	12.0	11.6	0	+ 0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.8	1.7	- 0.1	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	182.9	183.0	182.3	- 0.1	+ 0.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	10.4	10.5	10.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	54.4	54.4	53.9	0	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	12.3	12.3	12.2	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.7	8.7	8.7	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.6	3.6	3.5	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	42.1	42.1	41.7	0	+ 0.4
General Merchandise	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.0	13.0	13.1	0	- 0.1
Banking	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	50.4	50.5	50.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	54.7	54.6	54.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Federal	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
State and Local	52.3	52.2	52.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
State	30.2	30.1	30.2	+ 0.1	0
Local	22.1	22.1	21.9	0	+ 0.2

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA was estimated at 232,500 during October, up 100 from the September revised estimate and up 1,600 over the comparable period a year ago.

Goods producing employment continued to climb to 49,600. The increase was due to more business in heavy and special trade construction. Mining and manufacturing employment remained unchanged from the September level.

Service producing employment declined 100 in October to 182,900. This was due to seasonal losses in water transportation and the dismissal of temporary workers in amusement and recreation services. Government employment continued to increase in October to 54,700, due to seasonal increases at state colleges and universities.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,800 production workers in all manufacturing were $609.98 for October, an increase of $3.56 from the September average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $25.21. Average weekly hours, at 43.2, decreased by one hour while average hourly earnings, at $14.12, increased by $0.40 per hour. A shorter workweek contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA was 270,000, comprised of 255,900 employed and 14,100 unemployed. The unemployment rate for the MSA was 5.2 percent for October.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,781 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 2,045 referrals to current openings resulted in 152 placements during the month of October.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1990*	Sept. 1990**	Oct. 1989**	Net Change From Sept. 1990	Net Change From Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	57.7	56.5	55.7	+ 1.2	+ 2.0
GOODS PRODUCING	13.0	12.8	12.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
MINING	5.6	5.5	5.6	+ 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
MANUFACTURING	5.5	5.4	5.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	3.8	3.7	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	2.1	0	- 0.4
SERVICE PRODUCING	44.7	43.7	43.1	+ 1.0	+ 1.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	6.6	6.6	6.3	0	+ 0.3
Water Transportation	4.2	4.2	4.0	0	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.4	14.4	14.6	0	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	3.0	3.0	3.2	0	- 0.2
Retail Trade	11.4	11.4	11.4	0	0
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICES	10.7	10.5	9.5	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
GOVERNMENT	10.9	10.1	10.6	+ 0.8	+ 0.3
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	10.4	9.6	10.1	+ 0.8	+ 0.3
State	3.1	2.4	2.9	+ 0.7	+ 0.2
Local	7.3	7.2	7.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA increased to 57,700, a level 1,200 above September. Gains were shown in both the goods and service producing segments. Changes were mostly seasonal in nature.

Goods producing employment increased to 13,000, up 200 from the September revised level, and 400 above the October, 1989 figure. Mining increased due to more activity in the oil and gas industry. In manufacturing, durable goods exhibited a gain due to increased orders. Construction remained unchanged over the month.

Service producing employment showed an overall gain of 1,000. Government employment was boosted by a normal seasonal increase in education employment at the state and local government level. Services increased, mostly in business services.

Estimated unemployment was 3,600 in October. Unemployment presently comprises 5.1 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 464.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1990*	Sept. 1990**	Oct. 1989**	Net Change From Sept. 1990	Net Change From Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	94.1	92.8	89.0	+ 1.3	+ 5.1
GOODS PRODUCING	24.5	24.2	23.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
MINING	12.2	12.1	11.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	3.8	3.7	3.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
MANUFACTURING	8.5	8.4	8.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	2.1	2.2	2.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	6.4	6.2	5.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
SERVICE PRODUCING	69.6	68.6	65.8	+ 1.0	+ 3.8
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	6.8	6.5	6.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	25.3	24.5	24.2	+ 0.8	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade	6.0	5.8	5.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	19.3	18.7	18.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.9
General Merchandise	3.1	3.0	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.3	3.3	3.2	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	20.9	21.2	19.5	- 0.3	+ 1.4
GOVERNMENT	13.3	13.1	12.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Federal	0.9	1.0	0.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	12.4	12.1	11.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
State	5.1	4.8	5.1	+ 0.3	0
Local	7.3	7.3	6.8	0	+ 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA in October moved up to an estimated level of 94,100. This is an increase of 1,300 over the September revised level of 92,800.

Goods producing employment in October was estimated at 24,500, which is 300 above the September level. Mining, construction, and manufacturing each showed an increase of 100 for the month.

Service producing employment was estimated at 69,600, which is 1,000 above the September revised level. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment increased by 300, with the increase centered in water transportation and television services. Trade employment moved up by 800 from September's revised figure due primarily to seasonal employment in retail sales. Government rose by 200 in October with the fall semester at the local university in full operation. Services showed a decrease primarily due to less employment in amusement and recreation services.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1990*	Sept. 1990**	Oct. 1989**	Net Change From Sept. 1990	Net Change From Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	63.8	63.6	63.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
GOODS PRODUCING	16.9	17.0	17.4	- 0.1	- 0.5
MINING	1.2	1.1	1.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	4.4	4.6	4.9	- 0.2	- 0.5
MANUFACTURING	11.3	11.3	11.5	0	- 0.2
Durable Goods	2.7	2.7	3.0	0	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	8.6	8.6	8.5	0	+ 0.1
Chemical & Petro Products	7.8	7.8	7.7	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	46.9	46.6	45.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.3	4.3	4.0	0	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.1	14.9	15.1	+ 0.2	0
Wholesale Trade	3.3	3.2	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	11.8	11.7	12.1	+ 0.1	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.0	3.1	3.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	13.7	13.6	12.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
GOVERNMENT	10.8	10.7	10.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.3	10.2	9.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
State	3.2	3.2	3.0	0	+ 0.2
Local	7.1	7.0	6.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 63,800 for the current month. This estimate is 200 above the September revised level of 63,600.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 16,900, was down by 100 from last month's revised figure. This loss was caused by employment in the construction industry dropping 200 in October. Mining showed an increase of 100, while manufacturing was unchanged from last month.

Service producing employment was estimated at 46,900, an increase of 300 from last month's figure. Trade employment rose by 200 with both the wholesale and retail sectors experiencing a gain of 100. Services and government each had an increase of 100 jobs. Finance, insurance, and real estate was down by 100 in October.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1990*	Sept. 1990**	Oct. 1989**	Net Change From Sept. 1990	Net Change From Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	56.7	55.9	56.0	+ 0.8	+ 0.7
GOODS PRODUCING	11.1	10.9	10.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
MINING	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.7	2.6	2.7	+ 0.1	0
MANUFACTURING	7.8	7.7	7.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	5.6	5.5	5.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	4.8	4.7	4.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	45.6	45.0	45.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.2
TRANSP. COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.7	2.7	3.1	0	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.2	14.2	14.3	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	3.7	3.8	3.7	- 0.1	0
Retail Trade	10.5	10.4	10.6	+ 0.1	- 0.1
General Mdse. and Apprl. & Acc.	2.6	2.5	2.6	+ 0.1	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.2	4.2	4.3	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	13.1	12.9	12.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	11.4	11.0	11.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.4
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.6	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.7	10.3	10.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
State	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0
Local	6.0	5.6	5.7	+ 0.4	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 56,700, rose by 800 over the September revised estimate of 55,900.

Employment in the goods producing sector increased by 200 to an estimated 11,100. The increase occurred in the construction and manufacturing sectors with each experiencing gains of 100.

Service producing employment was estimated at 45,600, an increase of 600 from the September estimate. Government rose due to the implementation of special programs for youth and disadvantaged persons. Services rose by 200 due mainly to increases in educational and miscellaneous services employment.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1990*	Sept. 1990**	Oct. 1989**	Net Change From Sept. 1990	Net Change From Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	535.6	533.3	532.0	+ 2.3	+ 3.6
GOODS PRODUCING	83.5	83.1	81.6	+ 0.4	+ 1.9
MINING	14.3	14.3	14.6	0	- 0.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.0	14.0	14.3	0	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	24.3	24.2	22.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.5
MANUFACTURING	44.9	44.6	44.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
Durable Goods	24.0	23.8	23.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Machinery Inc. Electrical	3.3	3.3	2.9	0	+ 0.4
Transportation Equipment	14.5	14.3	14.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.9	10.7	10.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	20.9	20.8	20.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	5.5	5.4	5.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.9	1.8	2.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	5.0	5.0	4.9	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.6	3.7	3.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	452.1	450.2	450.4	+ 1.9	+ 1.7
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	43.4	43.5	43.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Railroad Transportation	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Trucking and Warehousing	8.3	8.3	8.3	0	0
Water Transportation	12.9	13.1	12.8	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Comm. & Public Util.	13.1	13.0	13.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	135.3	135.5	136.4	- 0.2	- 1.1
Wholesale Trade	32.1	32.0	32.7	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.3	18.3	18.7	0	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.8	13.7	14.0	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Retail Trade	103.2	103.5	103.7	- 0.3	- 0.5
General Merchandise	13.2	13.0	13.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Food Stores	20.4	20.3	20.4	+ 0.1	0
Eating & Drinking Places	35.8	36.2	36.0	- 0.4	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	32.0	32.3	33.2	- 0.3	- 1.2
Banking	10.3	10.4	10.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	153.2	151.6	150.6	+ 1.6	+ 2.6
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	14.3	14.0	14.4	+ 0.3	- 0.1
Health Services	40.9	40.6	39.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.7
Educational Services	18.0	17.5	17.4	+ 0.5	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	88.2	87.3	86.9	+ 0.9	+ 1.3
Federal	16.3	16.3	16.5	0	- 0.2
State and Local	71.9	71.0	70.4	+ 0.9	+ 1.5
State	19.0	18.5	18.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
Local	52.9	52.5	51.9	+ 0.4	+ 1.0

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the New Orleans MSA for October was estimated at 535,600, an increase of 2,300 from the previous month. Seasonal factors were primarily responsible for the rise.

Goods producing employment increased to 83,500, up 400 from the September revised level and 1,900 above the October, 1989 figure. Construction added workers mostly in heavy construction. Manufacturing gained employment in ship and boat building and repairing, food and kindred products, and apparel and other textile products due to more business. Mining remained unchanged from the previous month.

Service producing employment displayed an overall increase of 1,900 over the month. Services employment was higher due to scattered gains throughout the industry. Government rose in the state and local government segments. Finance, insurance, and real estate exhibited moderate decreases. Trade adjusted downward. Transportation, communications, and public utilities eased down as port activity was reduced.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $462.44 per week, down $6.84 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 41.4, down 0.5 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $11.17, down three cents from September and up $0.41 over October of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 34,200 for October. The unemployment rate registered 5.8 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment totaled 6,302.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1990*	Sept. 1990**	Oct. 1989**	Net Change From Sept. 1990	Net Change From Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	132.8	132.1	129.4	+ 0.7	+ 3.4
GOODS PRODUCING	27.1	27.0	24.3	+ 0.1	+ 2.8
MINING	3.1	3.0	3.1	+ 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	6.1	6.1	5.4	0	+ 0.7
MANUFACTURING	17.9	17.9	15.8	0	+ 2.1
Durable Goods	12.7	12.7	10.7	0	+ 2.0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+ 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.2	5.2	5.3	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	4.9	4.9	3.0	0	+ 1.9
Nondurable Good	5.2	5.2	5.1	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	105.7	105.1	105.1	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.3	8.3	8.3	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	32.8	32.8	32.6	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	7.8	7.7	7.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	25.0	25.1	24.7	- 0.1	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.1	6.2	6.1	- 0.1	0
SERVICES	33.0	32.9	32.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	25.5	24.9	25.3	+ 0.6	+ 0.2
Federal	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0
State and Local	20.6	20.0	20.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.2
State	5.8	5.8	6.1	0	- 0.3
Local	14.8	14.2	14.3	+ 0.6	+ 0.5

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Shreveport MSA increased to 132,800, up from 132,100 in September and up 3,400 from October, 1989. The September to October increase was in service producing employment.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 27,100. While gaining slightly over the September revised estimate, goods producing employment showed a significant change of 2,800 from the year-ago total. This increase was mostly in manufacturing which increased 2,100. A temporary plant closing in October, 1989 caused the employment level in manufacturing to fall to 15,800.

Service producing employment rose to 105,700, up 600 from the September level. The September to October increase resulted from the public school system returning to normal employment levels.

The average weekly earnings of 13,500 manufacturing production workers in the Shreveport area increased to $556.28, an increase of $15.28 from September, and $109.08 more than one year ago. Average weekly hours dropped slightly to 45.3, down 0.2 hours from last month, but increased from the year-ago average of 41.6 hours. Average hourly earnings rose to $12.28, up $0.39 from the September average and has increased $1.53 from the October, 1989 average.

The current civilian labor force for the Shreveport area, estimated at 155,700, includes 145,900 employed and 9,800 unemployed, giving an unemployment rate of 6.3 percent. The unemployment rate for this area averaged 6.6 percent for August, September, and October and 7.9 percent for the same period one year ago.